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Star of RuPaul's Drag Race: interview with Katya Zamo

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Chachki may be the newest Queen of **RuPaul's Drag Race** but Katya Zamolodchikova, (Катя Петровна Замолодчикова) or simply Katya has won the affection of the public with her genuine

persona.

Born Brian McCook, the terrific performer has recently been crowned Miss Congeniality during the grand finale of season 7. One thing is certain; the buxom blonde keeps it real!

Examiner: The public has genuinely embraced you, has it been a long time coming?

Katya Zamo: It has! I've been doing drag for a while, almost 10 years at this point. I built up a strong but relatively small fan base in Boston over the years, so to be so well received on this scale is just a dream come true!

E: How does it feel to be able to reach a larger audience after joining a popular show like RuPaul's Drag Race?

KZ: I have people messaging me from all over the world. I think the coolest thing is to have people from places like Australia and Brazil and France say they love me and totally get my sense of humor. It's awesome.

E: You are apparently "The sweatiest woman in show business" can you tell us why?

KZ: One word: hyperhidrosis. HAHA! I sweat a lot. I think it was more apparent in Boston, where I perform at place called Jacque's. They didn't have great air conditioning, and I would slither around the crowd just pouring sweat from every pore. It was pretty disgusting. But now, I get to travel to places that have modern temperature control, now that's a revelation. I'm truly blessed.

E: Without throwing any shade, how was your

experience with the other girls on the show?

KZ: They were all spoiled, nasty entitled c**ts who smelled like hot garbage. HAHA! No, they were amazing, literally all of them (except Trixie---she peed in my suitcase.)

E: Who has inspired you when you first started doing Drag?

KZ: I've always got my inspiration from female comedians and just funny interesting women, like Tracey Ullman, Maria Bamford, Amy Sedaris. And of course, my Russian persona was inspired by Alla Pugacheva and other dramatic Russian singers.

E: You have bravely shared your struggle of remaining clean and sober, what advice would you give to anyone facing similar issues?

KZ: Ask for help! That's the hardest part, especially if you're not willing to believe you have a problem. But if you do that, you'll realize that there's a whole giant network of people out there, they will help you get better.

E: Shall we expect a special "Katya live from Moscow" in the near future?

KZ: I certainly hope so! Stay tuned!

E: Can you tell us about your most exciting upcoming projects?

KZ: I'm writing a one-woman show and working on some new videos! In the meantime, check out my YouTube channel "welovekatya" and subscribe!

E: Finally, what is your favorite song to Lip sync to?

KZ: Anything by Alla Pugacheva!

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